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BLANDFORD.  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear General Pitt Rivers

Many happy  
 returns of a New Year  
 to you and Mrs Pitt-  
 Rivers. Then occurring  
 your own being in receipt  
 the happy events of the  
 year preceding & with  
 you I have many happy  
 reminiscences. I have  
 stood up the Suez Canal  
 in the Straits & Canal  
 about the (new) ancient  
 monuments & we have  
 thank you for reminding  
 me of our duties as the  
 Officer of the Field Club  
 & I hope we shall be able to



Bring up the Antiquities  
of Dorset to the level they  
deserve. I have just  
had a long interview  
with Mr. Stewart who  
showed me your suggestion  
which will be adopted and  
then scheduled out he will  
send the forms to you for  
approval & correction &  
propose to make on Club  
a medium for Meteorological  
Instruments. The appearance  
of migrating birds and of places  
seem pleasant, and so.  
It is fortunate we have  
such a good & energetic  
little Secretary.

We shall have a special  
meeting for Paper Tuesday

The end of the month -  
Could you without much  
trouble send me something  
from your facile pen?  
It will be much appreciated

Yours

John Jay Torrey

J. H. Murray May 11